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Identical letters dated 2 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I write to you in order to inform you that at precisely 0945 hours on Thursday, 21 December 2017, a United Arab Emirates warplane (serial No. 0403) coming from United Arab Emirates airspace violated the airspace of Qatar. The warplane flew over the exclusive economic zone of Qatar for one minute at an altitude 33,400 feet and a speed of 460 knots, without either having given the competent Qatari authorities prior notification or receiving approval from those authorities (a map of the aircraft's flight path is attached).

This incident is a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of Qatar and the integrity of its borders and territory. It is also a blatant violation of international law, conventions, covenants and norms. This incident is in line with the ongoing, irresponsible acts of provocation being committed unilaterally by the United Arab Emirates against Qatar. In addition to being a threat to regional stability and security, those acts are also a direct violation of the principles of respecting State sovereignty and maintaining international security and peace that are set out in the Charter of the United Nations.

While the Government of Qatar is keen to maintain good relations with neighbouring States, it strongly rejects any violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity. Should such a violation recur, Qatar, in order to preserve its legitimate sovereign right, will take every measure required to defend its borders, airspace and national security, in accordance with international law and norms.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Alya Ahmed Saif **Al-Thani**
Permanent Representative

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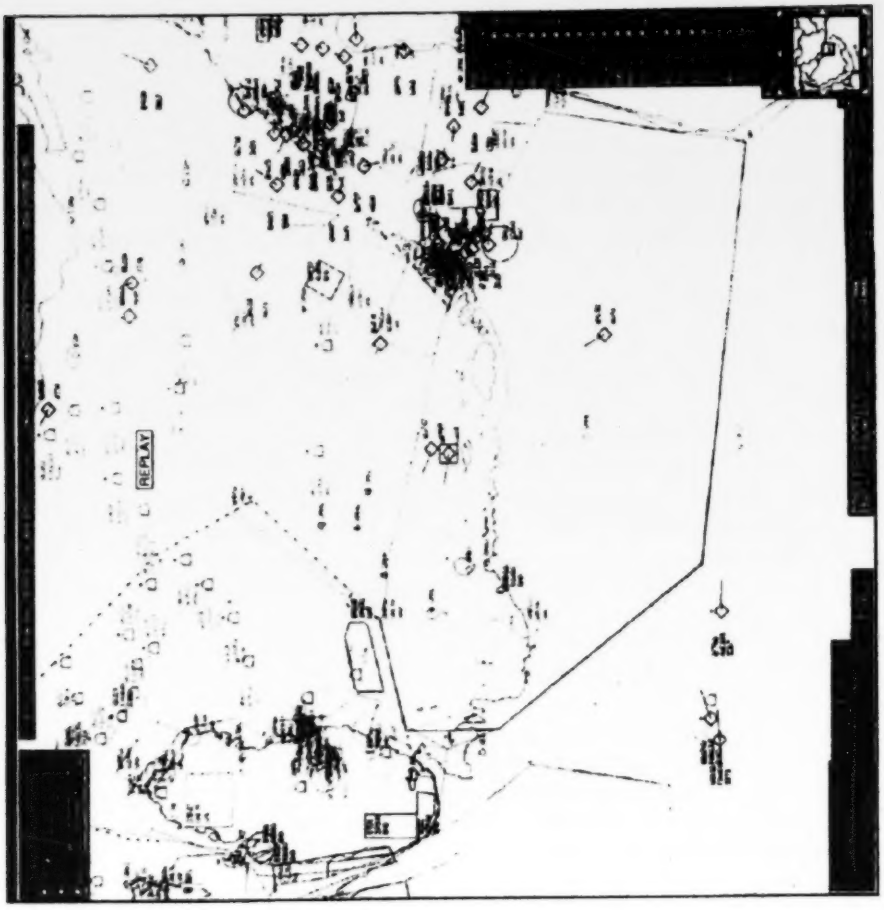

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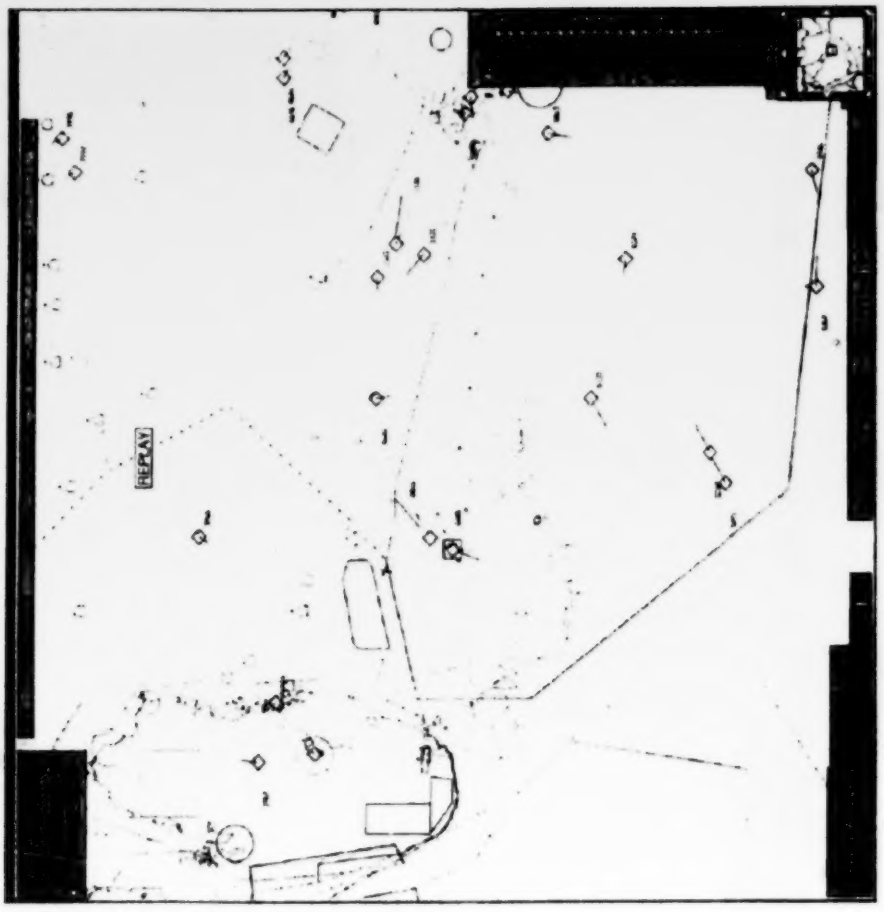
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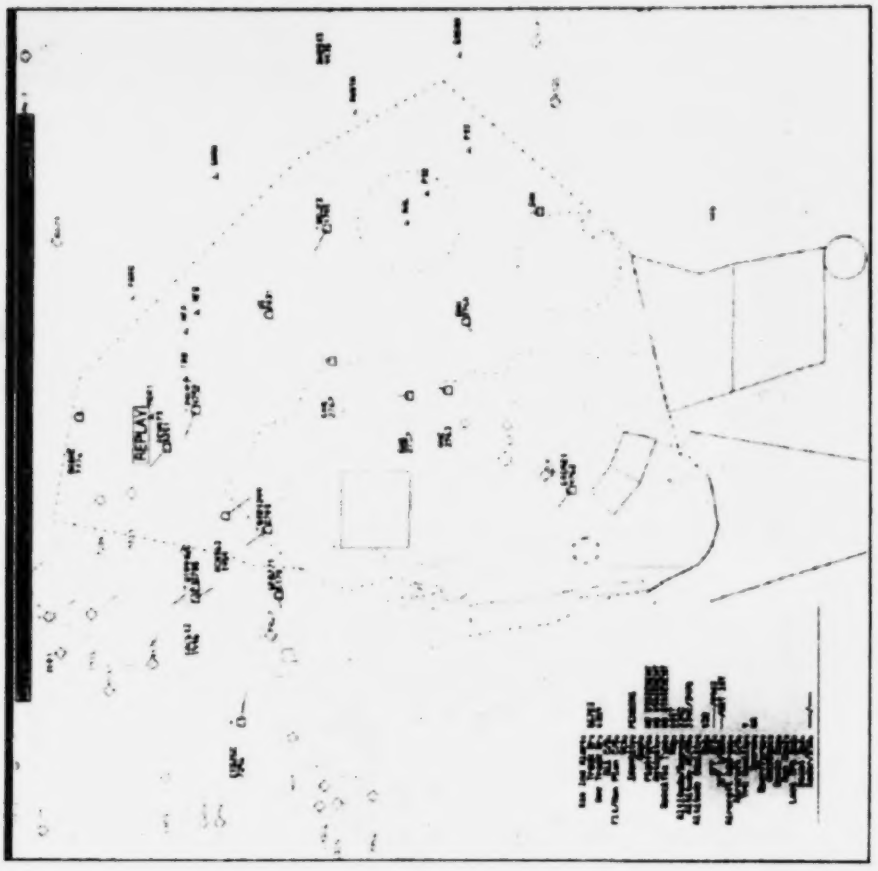
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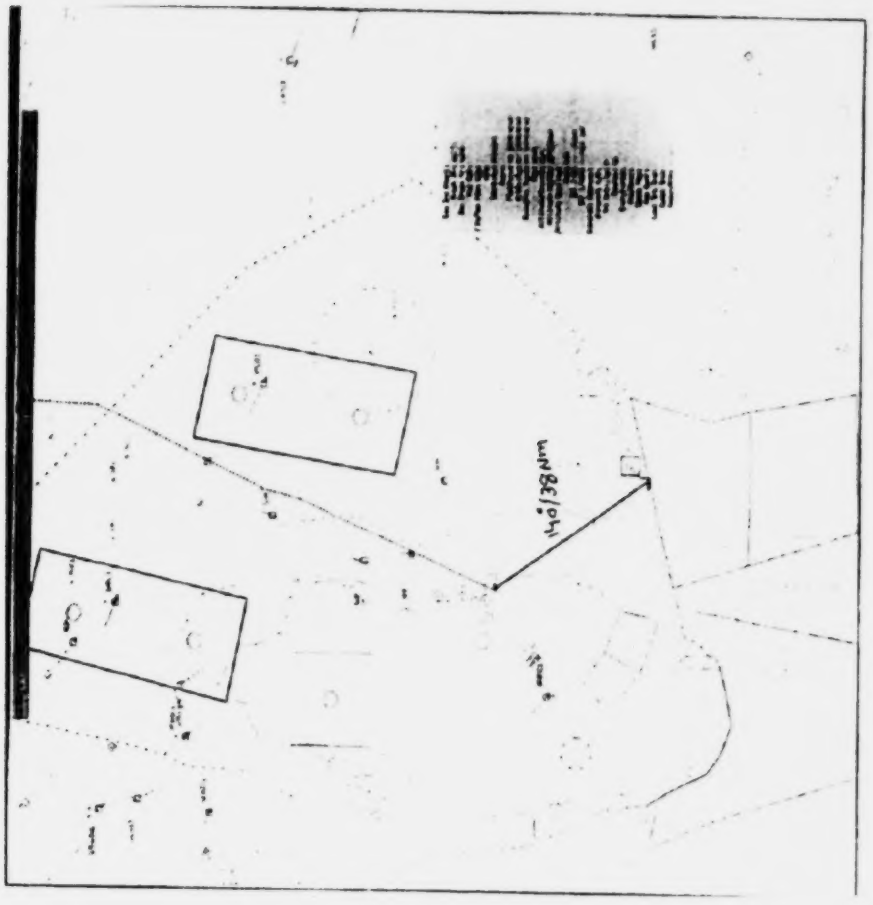
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